

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the above identified application. The Examiner has rejected claims 27 and 28. In this Amendment, Applicants have canceled, without prejudice, claims 27 and 28. The Examiner has allowed claims 1-26.

The Examiner rejected Claims 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Hunter et. al., US Patent No. 6, 137,933. Applicants have herein canceled claims 27 and 28, without prejudice. Therefore, all of the remaining claims in the application, claims 1-26, have been allowed and this application is allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner. No amendments of claims 1-26 have been made. Therefore, this Amendment does not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Applicants submit that the entry of the amendment would place the application in condition for allowance and in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the currently allowed claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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